Two Norfolk Afternoon Papers Will Consolidate.

A NEW POLICE STATION

The City Engineer Has Just Completed Plans for the New Structure Which Will Make a Very Beau-

tiful Building.

(Special to The Times Disputch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 25.—Nothing definite has been stated in regard to the newspaper deal, of which the rumor current this morning, by which the Ledger will be united with the Dispatch, both evening newspapers. One of the employes of the Dispatch said that Mr. Thompson, of the Dispatch, was much annoyed at the rumor, but there seemed to be no disturbance at the Ledger of-If there have been any negotiations they have not been completed, for neither office has made any announce ment for the public and neither one will do so likely till the arrangement is complete. Still the rumor is persistent, and the citizens are commenting freely on the belief that some arrangement has

and the citizens are commenting freely on the bellef that some arrangement has been effected.

W. L. Brooke, city engineer, has completed the plans for the new up-town police station, which will be a great improvement on the new jail and the patched headquarters. Meantime it will cost less. The price will come within the appropriation. In this station house there will be more office room than there is in the new jail, certainly more in proportion. The prisoners will not only be separated from the public offices, but they will be separated by a brick wall with a solid iron door for the entrance. If anyone goes to the jail for information or to visit he is among the prisoners at once. There is a steel railing, but the door is open usually and even if the prisoners cannot come into the public corridor they can see and be seen. Great precautions have been observed to make the plumbing sanitary and to provide an exercise room for the police and two extra rooms for respectable persons who for various misfortunes may go to the station for shelter. This station will be strong and simple in construction, but it will present a handsome appearance from the outside. It will cost \$12,000.

MISS WADDY'S PLACE.

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MISS WADDY'S PLACE.
Captain H. B. Nichols will likely be confirmed at once. There is no knowledge and no intimation even of any opposition to the confirmation of his nomination for postmaster that has been sent in by the President. Hence the expectation here is that Captain Nichols will be confirmed immediately, and that H. L. Page, one of the sureties for Colonel Waddy, deceased, who is holding the office for the benefit of the family, will retire, and that Miss Halle Waddy will not obtain the position that her friends had hoped to secure for her. Captain Nichols has said that he is willing to do whatever is in his power, but he can't turn out old officials to put in new ones, even for the sake of a young woman who is worthy and needs the income. It is not certain that the postoffice here is entitled to a cashier to the postmaster, but if it is entitled to that exra office then Captain Nichols will appoint Miss Waddy to the place. But if any other place should be vacated or if the Postmaster-General should allow the office an additional clerk, Miss Waddy would have to encounter the civil service barrier and overcome it before obtaining employment. Hence the phace that has been prepared for her by the optimists is still in doubt.

Mrs. Laura Carr's case was argued before Judge Waddill this morning. She is suing the ferry steamer, the City of Portsmouth, for \$20,000 for personal injuries received last June in crossing the river to Portsmouth on the ferrybeat. The ferryboat befores to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Forry Company, but the form the person of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was a proper proper of Jonathan Bar. The watch was

to Portsmouth on the ferryboat, rryboat belongs to the Norfolk and nouth Ferry Company, but the fer running the ferry is owned by indicate which owns the street rail-under the title of the Norfelk, Portsmouth and Newport News Com-pany. The suit is defended therefore by pany. The suit is defended therefore by T. J. Wool, of Portsmouth, the attorney for the company, and by the attorney for the company, and by the attorney. meys for the bonding company, McLemore & Corbitt, of Suffolk. No jury was chosen in the case, probably because the

AC Corblitt, of Suffolk. No Jury was chosen in the case, probably because the injuries of the plaintiff were such as to induce the plaintiff to shrink from the publicity of the trial by jury. The arguments were not long, as they were not expected to have any influence on Judge Waddill, who heard all of the evidence and has given careful attention to the case from the beginning.

At the conclusion of the arguments Judge Waddill said he would consider the case and announce his judgement later.

NEW IRON FACTORY.

James G. Wilson, of New York, obtained a charter here to-day for a manufacturing company with half a million dollars capital. The factory is to make structural wood, iron and steel in all varioties for building, it will employ several hundred men.

Tidings of the missing collier Alexander caused great joy here to-day. Capitalin Gove's wife lives in Nortolk and she and the officers of the navyyard expressed great delight that the missing vessel with her capitaln and crew had arrived safely at Bermuda, Capitain Gove is well known here. Navai men expect that the vessel will repair at the British naval station at Bermuda. They think it would be risky to tow her to this port during the stormy season with her broken shaft. The Alexander has been missing fifteen days and the suspense here has been intense. Naval orficers thought the was lost.

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William Bowen, a negro, while attempting to alight from a street car at Fort and Central Avenues this afternoon was thrown violently to the ground, fracturing his skull and causing a concussior of the brain. He will likely die.

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The Chamber of Commerce met this afternoon to consider the purchase of a lot for a new home. The building committee was authorized to purchase a lot on Brook Avenue and the erection thereon of a permanent home for the Chamber; to confer with the finance committee and develop a financial plan for the issue of bonds by horrowing or interwise, to acquire the site recommended or the lot at the corner of Boush Street and Brook Avenue. The proposition is to build a three-story transfer front building to cost \$20.00.

The Norfolk Railway and Light Company has men at work to-day excavating West Main Street, Jackson and Kelley Streets for the loop which the lity has granted the company the right to lay, in order to utilize a lot running rom Main to Kelley Streets, west of Jackson, for a terminal station, thus soing away with the present arrange-

ment of the Ocean View and Old coint cars standing in West Main Street.

PLEADED OUILTY.

William Henry Waltsee, the negre arrested yesterday in Portsmouth for stealing water pipe connections from a vacant house on Effingham Street, was arraigned in the Mayor's Court this morning and pleaded guilty. Mayor Baird gave him six months, and Wallace received the sentence with a laugh. The Mayor drew a pistol on the prisoner (the one taken away from him when arrested), and inquired about that. Wallace is a stammerer, and it took nim some time to tell the court that he found a pistol in a back lot. When a fine of 100 was imposed he burst out laughing and disappeared for nine months.

Large quantities of corn are shipped from Norfolk county to Europe at this time. A. H. Lindsay has orders for 40,000 bushels, and Captain John G. Vallace is filling a much larger order. The shipments are made from the Norfolk and Western grain clevator and there loaded into ships for ports in Germany.

OLD CHURCH QUARREL

Baptists Buy Out the Interest of Presby-

terians in Fluvanna. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FORK UNION, VA., February 25.—The lecision of the Circuit Court that the claim interest in the "Old Fork Church" here could be made valid only by payment of a pro,rata share of the expense for improvements, incurred chiefly by the for improvements, incurred chiefly by the Baptists during the long period of non-occupancy by the Preshyterians, will not be adjudicated by the Supreme Court, to which an appeal had been docketed, for the reason that the Baptists have bought the interest about which an unfortunate contention has existed for some years. The Preshyterians will, at an early day, creet a church of their own, near this place, and it is said that in this enterprise they will be liberally aided by other denominations.

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terprise they will be liberally aided by other denominations.

This county has decided in two of the three townships, by an overwhelming majority of the qualified voters, that it is in favor of the 'anti-nog law,' and is expecting its Board of Supervisors to promulgate the decree of the farmers in these townships, and thus save thousands of dollars spent in orecting barriers against enterprising rooters.

Mr. William P. Snead, an aged citizen of this place, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and his children from a distance have responded to a summons to his bed-side.

side.

The date for the annual concert by the hadies of the Pork Union Academy has not been fixed gince its postponement on account of the weather of last week.

A scheme is on foot to complete by next session the large academy building, and it is no secret that the funds for the purpose are to be raised by the chairman of the Board of Trustees of Richmond College, Dr. W. E. Hatcher, the founder of the school.

KEPT IN JAIL

arrested here this week for stealing watch from the person of Jonathan Bar Florence the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James G. Haun, of Bluff City, near Bristol, was burned to death one evening this week. Her clothing became ignited from an open grate, while her parents were in another room. While screaming she inhaled the flames, and death resulted from internal

BODIES STILL MISSING

The Steamer Olive Will Be Raised and Refitted at Franklin.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.) SUFFOLK, VA., February 26.-With the bodies of cleven victims who perished in the Olive disaster February 16th yet missing, the steamboat company to-day gave up the investigation after having exhausted all resources. The divers made result. The slide of the same and those inside were swept out. One of the live bodies already found was a mile from the scene. The money drawer and sale were recovered. The Olive has been raised five feet or more. Later it will be towed to Franklin between pontoons and rebuilt.

BOWLERS BREAK EVEN

Richmond First Team Wins and Second Team Loses.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch, PETERSBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—. exciting and interesting contest between Richmond and Petersburg bowling teams Richmond and Petersburg bowling teams was played in this city to-night. Richmond's first team won from Petersburg's first team by a score of 2 to 1, and Richmond's second team lost to Petersburg's second team, making the result even. The players were: First teams—Petersburg: Beverly Harrison (captain), Pearman, Alson, Cain and O'Kennon.

Richmond: Blandford Lee (captain), Morris, Brookes, Groves and Soffert.

Second teams—Petersburg: Roper Leath (captain), Parham, Bragg, Webb and Cooper.



APPOMATTOX DIVERSION

Committee in Conference with Major Quinn in Norfolk.

CONDEMNATION OF LAND

Judge Lewis, as District Attorney. After He Acts Work Will Begin Without Delay.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, VA., February 26 .- The committee recently appointed to go to Norfolk to see Major Quinn in reference to the Appomatiox diversion plan went to Norfolk yesterday. Major Quinn and his assistant, Mr. A., C. Harper, have been bus ly at work on plans, and there is nothing needed now but the permission to go over the land of the private location of the channel through which it and plats of the adjoining land have Knox, and he has forwarded the papers to Judge L. L. Lewis, United States district attorney, who will within a short time institute condemnation proceedings. Those having the matter in charge deem it best to condemn the property and not wait for the private owners to agree upon the amounts they will accept for such property, so that the matter is now with Judge Lewis, and whether or not with Judge Lewis, and whether or not work shall begin on the plans within a short time depends upon his action in the matter. It is carnestly hoped by all the citizens of Petersburg that Judge Lewis is in a position to give this matter his attention without any delay, and should he do so, the plans will soon be consummated, and Petersburg will have a water way to the capes that will permit the floating of large vessels.

The body of the late Miss Emily Roberts reached Petersburg this afternoon from Richmond, and was buried in Blandford Cemetery. Miss Roborts was a

PENSIONING EX-SLAVES.
The literary society of the Colored
Young Men's Christian Association will
be adressed to-morrow evening by President J. H. Johnston, of the Virginia
Normal and Industrial School. He will

Normal and Industrial School. He will speak especially of the Tuskegee convention recently held. The subject of Congress pensioning ex-slaves will be discussed after his address.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. L. Thornton, of Providence, R. I., are in Petersburg for the benefit of Mrs. Thornton's health. Mr. Thornton is a noted temperance lecturer and a member of the family that for the past half century have been identified with the national Prohibition party.

parly.
Judge Mullen left to-day for North
Carolina to be absent until Saturday.
The Catherine Ridgeway Company
gave an entertainment at the Young
Men's Christian Association in this city this exening. Miss Ridgeway and I company have become great favorites

played at the Academy of Music in this city to-morrow evening.

The home of Frank Hill (colored), in Prince George county, was destroyed by fire Monday and two of his children, aged twelve and seven years, were burned to death. His wife was so badly burned that it is not thought she can live. Hill and his other four children were burned, but not seriously. The fire is believed to have been the work of incendiaries, and it was started at the door, the only place of egress from the building.

FATHERS INTERCEDING

No Decision Has Been Given Out by Hampden-Sidney Faculty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., February 26.—The faculty of Hampden-Sidney College were in session again this afternoon and toin session again this afternoon and to-night investigating the recent disturb-ance at the institution. The decision will in all probability be made known to-mor-row morning. It is reported that the rea-son for the delay of the faculty in mak-ments and the second of the second son for the delay of the faculty in making known their decision is that a number of the students' fathers telegraphed not to give out anything until they arrived. Three of the students' fathers, well known lawyers of this and another State, arrived to-day on the noon train and left immediately for Hampdon-Sidney, where it is said they met the faculty in session this afternoon and to-night.

If anything was given out after the night session it cannot be learned, as the tolephone wire between this place and Hampden-Sidney is down, and there is no other way of getting information. It is the belief of the students with whom your correspondent has talked that the landers will be expelled, while those not so deeply implicated will be retained on probation.

Married in Halifax.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

REAMS, VA., February 26.—A surprise marriage took place in Halifax, N. C., on February 25th. The contracting parties were Mr. Spencer Perkins and Miss Mabel Perkins. The bride, who is very pretty and young, is the daughter of W. S. Perkins, of Dinwiddle county. The groom is a popular young man, formerly of Dinwiddle, but now of Petersburg. The happy couple returned to Petersburg. The happy couple returned to Petersburg that night, where relatives and friends were waiting to receive them. A telegram was sent to the parents of the bride informing them of the happy event.

The groom having sought the consent of the parents several weeks ago, failing on account of the youthfulness of the bride, they decided to take the matter in their own hands,

Harper-Todd.

Harper—Todd.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 26.—

Mrs. Margaret M. Todd and Mr. Frank
S. Harper were quietly married at 16:39
o'clock this morning at the bride's residence, in the presence of a few relatives
of the parties represented, by Rev. William J. Morton, rector of old Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, assisted by
Rev. Frank J. Brooke, of the Second
Presbyterian Church. The couple immediately left for a Northern bridal tour.
The groom is a leading wholesale grocer
and one of Alexandria's most prominent
busfices men. Upon their return the
couple will live here.

when Rev. F. W. Berry, pastor of the Disciples' Church, of this place, married Miss Eva Hill and Mr. Charlie Groen, buth of Lunenburg county. The bride and both of Lunenburg county after the ceremony for a bridel tour. They will be at home to their many friends at "Trix," Lunenburg county, after March 1st. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. William E. Hill, formerly of Richmond, now of Lunenburg county, Mr. Groen is a popular employe of Messrs. Halley & Ward, lumber contractors of Meherrin, Va.

King George Marriages.

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FREDERICKSBURG. VA., February
25.—Among the announcements of marriages to take place in King George county this week is that of Mr. Arthur Fendwick and Miss Florence Wolch, both of that county. The ceremony will take place at the residence of Captain B. Lewis, on February 25th. Mr. Frank M. Carver and Miss Carrie Rose, both of the same county, will be married on February 27th.

Webb-Collins.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., /Fobruary
26.—Miss Emma Collins, of Caroline county, who has been teaching in the family
of Mr. Webb, at Franklin, Va., was murried a few days ago to Mr. L. Webb, of
that place. They went to North Carolina, where the ceremony was performed.
The announcement caused a great surprise to the friends of the young lady
in Caroline, Mr. and Mrs. Webb will
reside at Franklin. reside at Franklin.

Nottingham-Bailey.

Nottingharn—Balley.

(Saccial to The Times-Dissatch.)

EXMORE. VA., Feb. 28.—The marriage of Miss Sadle Balley, of Northampton, to Mr. B. S. Nottingham took place this evening at \$130 o'clock, in Belle Haven, at the home of Mrs. Rosa Willis, a cousing of the bride. The Rev. Dr. George Ray, of the Methodist Church, performed the ceremony. The bride is a very popular young lady of Northampton county, with a host of friends to wish her happiness.

Hinchee-Farrow.

SALEM, VA., Feb. 26.—A quiet home wedding took place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. James Farrow, in West Salem. Her daughter, Miss Dalsy Farrow, became the wife of Mr. R. W. Hinchee, of Bluefield, W. Va. The young couple left immediately for their future home.

Cadwell-Brumback.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., February 28.—Last night at 7:15, at the parsonage of the Belmont Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. Mr. Parack officialing, Mr. Robert H. Cadwell, a young farmer, of Botetourt county, was married to Miss Alice Brumback, a pretty young lady, also of Botecourt.

Tyree-Fortune.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RAONOKE, VA., February 26.—Mr. O.
C. Tyree, a popular young engineer of
teh Norfolk division of the Norfolk and
Western Railroad, and Miss Virginia
Fortune, the pretty and attractive young
daughter of Mrs. E. E. Fortune, were
married in the rectory of St. Andrew's
Church on Tuesday night. Rev. Father
Lynch officiated.

Charles A. Healey's Widow Receives a Valuable Property.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) persons in Lynchburg have been very much interested in the question as to what disposition would be made of the large estate of the late Charles A. Healey, and the report that has been received here that the entire estate will come into the possession of his widow, has been received with much interest. Mrs. Healey was Miss Ethel Toy, a beautiful and charming young lady, who frequently visited friends and relatives in Lynchburg and other places in Virginia. On her visits to Lynchburg she was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cecil Poole, who is now a resident of New York. The value of the ostate which Mrs. Healey inherits is placed at between five hundred and seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Messrs, Victor and Lee Accorsint brothers, of this city, have signed with the base-ball club of Memphis, Tenn., for the coming season. Victor will be behind the bat, while Lee will be in the outfield. Both of these young men are expert ball players, and it is expected that they will make brilliant records in the Southern League. persons in Lynchburg have been very

MAYOR WILL VETO SUNDAY ORDINACE

Alexandria's Chief Executive Argnes for Conformity With the State Laws.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 26.—
When the ordinance prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors from midnight Saturday night until 4 o'clock the following Monday morning is presented at the next meeting of the City Council it will be vetoed by Mayor Simpson. The ordinance was passed by the Council last Tuesday night. Mayor Simpson is of the opionion that the ordinance should con-form with the State laws on the subject, which provides that saloons shall be closed from midnight Saturday night unclosed from midnight Saturday night until sunrise the following Monday morning. The members of the Council, when they passed the above ordinance, amended it to read "from midnight Saturday night until a o'clock the following Monday." This was done because it was pointed out that at times during the winter months the sun does not rise until about 7 o'clock. The Councilmen will no doubt change the ordinance and make it conform with the State law. When it becomes a law the fines received from the violators will go into the coffers of the city treasury. Previously the offenders have been tried under the State law and consequently the fines went to the State, The penalty provided for violating the law is a fine of from \$10 to \$500.

J. B. Gannon, who for the past four years has been trainmaster of the Washington Division of the Southern Railway Company, with offices here, has resigned his position to take effect March 1st. Mr. Gannon will be succeeded by W. S. Andrews, Mr. Gannon will enter the services of another railroad company. During his stay in Alexandria he made many friends who regret to learn of his resignation.

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Presbyterian Church. The couple immediately left for a Northern bridal tour. The groom is a leading wholesale grocer and one of Alexandria's most prominent busifiess men. Upon their return the couple will live here.

Green-Hill.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

GREEN BAY, VA., February 26.—Yessierday the country home of Mr. William E. Hill, "Trix," Lunenburg county, was the scene of a beautiful wedding,

ELECTION IN ORANGE

Local Option Advocates Are Circulating a Petition.

BIBI WAS SUCCESSFUL

It Will Again Be Presented at the Opera House Immediately After Easter, Sentiment Favors Road

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 26.-A petition is being circulated in tion election throughout the country. is necessary to secure 170 signatures to the petition, and more than 100 have already been obtained. It is generally beleved that all of the districts in the county will go dry, with the exception of Madison, in which the towns of Orange and Gordonsville are situated. In the

and Gordonsville are situated. In the latter district there will be a big fight. The presentation of the play, Bibl, at the Opera House here this week, at which sits was realized for the benefit of the Mary Washington Hospital, was zuch a pronounced success, in a general way that it has been determined by the lades to repeat it immediately after Easter. There is a strong sentiment throughout all this section of the State in fawor of improving the public highways, but there is such a diversity of opinion as to the best means of accomplishing that end, and there is so much opposition to the issuing of bonds for that purpose by the different counties, that it is now believed that but little practical good will result, and that the usual mode of trusting to nature, by which good roads are endoyed in summer and terribly bad ones are put up with in winter will be the outcome.

AT PORTSMOUTH.

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Mr. Warren D. Patterson left to-day for Portsmouth, C., where he has been appointed to a responsible position with the Hoer Shoe Company, of that place. His family will remain here.

Mr. Charles Beale has secured a good business position in West Virginia, and has gone to his new home to assume his duties.

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Mr. Thomas L. Hunter, of King George gounty, has gone to Washington to reside, having secured employment there. Mr. C. M. Chichester, who has been teaching in Smyth county, has closed his school for the term and returned to his home, in Stafford county.

The young people of the People's Mission have organized a Young People's Mission Eand, to assist the other organizations of the mission, the officers of which are Miss Mattle, Jenkins, president; Mrs. Hattle Thomas, vice-oresident; Miss Lizzie Pierce, secretary; Miss Flossie Garner, treasurer.

Garner, treasurer.

Miss Bell L. Downing has been apped by Governor Montague a notary T

ed by Governor Montague a notary public for this city.

FROM FALMOUTH.

Mr. J. W. Mills and family, of Falmouth, have moved to this city, and are occupying one of the handsome residences on Main Street owned by Councilman E. W. Mills.

Captain S. J. Quinn, of this city, who is a member of the Grand Lodge of Ma-

E. W. Mills.

Captain S. J. Quinn, of this city, who is a member of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Virginia, has been invited to the reception and banquet in honor of Grand Master E. L. Eubänk, to be tendered by the Peninsula Lodges in the Masonic Temple at Hampton Friday night, and expects to attend.

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Rev. Dr. John Pollard, of Bowling Green, Caroline county, who has been ill with grip, is somewhat improved.

Mr. S. S. Bradford, who has been confined for weeks at his home with rheumatism, is so much improved as to be able to go out.

A WILSON MEMORIAL

Books Given to Washington and Lee Because of Copyright Law.

wo volumes have been received at Washpublishing firms, who have agreed to donate fifty books each to the University in recognition of the services of the late President William L. Wilson, who, while in Congress, was instrumental in secur-ing the passage of the international copy-right law. Those books will be placed in

right law. These books will be placed in the library and will be known as the Wilson memorial donation.

The following marriage licenses have been issued this week by County Clerk A T. Shields: Mr. Henry Elsworth Grosh and Miss Lucrofia Miller Chittum, daughter of Mr. W. T. Chittum; Mr. Sidney Edward Fainter and, Miss Willle Anne Smith, daughter of Mr. Joseph Smith; Mr. Louis Worthington Davidson and Miss Addie Belle Conner, daughter of Mr. John F. Conner,

Mr. Louis Worthington Davidson and Miss Addie Belle Conner, daughter of Mr. John F. Conner, The monthly pay-roll for the manufacturing enterprises at Buena Vista amounts to more than \$25,000. A few of the leading concerns whose pay-roll exceeds \$1,000 per month are the paper mill, \$6,000; furnace, \$4,200; tannery, \$4,000; extract works, \$2,000; two brick plants, \$2,000; woolen mills, \$4,000. Those amounts do not include the smarer industries, whose monthly pay-rolls fall below \$1,000, Judge S. Houston Letcher has drawn the following jurors for the March term of the Circuit Court of Rockbridge, which begins Tuesday, March 2d; Albert S. Brown, J. Wilson Miller, M. L. Donald, Albert S. Stoner, J. M. Cummins, R. A. Brownlee, Edgar D. Moore, Frank Camden, James W. Barce, D. B. alcCleiland, J. H. Parsons, John Strain.

Mr. Robert H. Gillock, United States Express agent here, has shipped from Lexington to Northern markets within the past two days 1.400 dozen eggs.

IN CHARLOTTE

With Milder Weather Farmers Are at Work On Plant Beds.

Work On Plant Beds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHARLOTTE COURTHOUSE, VA.,
February 28.—The past three days have been beautifut and almost as balmy as spring. Consequently the farmers are taking advantage of it. Plant beds are being prepared, and the plows are turning over the sod, getting the land in order for this year's crep. The roads, which have been almost impassable, have been considerably improved by the good weather, and some hauling is now being done.

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The Central Telephone Company, fornerly the Smithville and Drake's Branch
Pelephone Company, is extending its lines
all over the county, and in a very short
Ume the whole of the county will be in
elephone communication with the county
seak.

information has been received here that the sunveyers are hard at work on the Farmville, Charlotte and James Yalloy Railroad, and that they will complete

the survey in a short time. We also hear that the contract has been let for the iron and also for the grading, and that the grading will commence just as soon as the survey is completed. The work will be pushed, and in about twelve months they expect to have the road completed from Resney, in Reckingham ceunty, to Staunton River, in this county, This-road will be of great benefit to this place as well as to the whole county.

IN CLIFTON FORGE

Consolidation of Two Well-Known Bottiing Companies.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLIFFON FORGE, VA., Feb. 25.—The

Clifton Forge Bottling Works and the

Alleghany Bottling Company, both of this town, were to-day consolidated. A stock company composed of local capitalists purchased both plants, and new concern will be known as the Clifton Forge Bottling Works. Papers for incorporation have been applied for and will no doubt shortly be granted by Judge Letcher. . The gentlemen composing the new company, who are very prominent in the business enterprises of the town, are: A. C. Ford, president; D. E. Smith, vice-president; R. T. Moseley, secretary, and E. A. Sneat, treasurer. These gentlemen, together with James F. Smith, constitute the Board of Directors. The capital of the new enterprise will be \$10,000, of pald-up stock, and the charter empowers them to increase it not to exceed \$25,000. A ing the new company, who are very stock, and the charter empowers them to increase it not to exceed \$25,000. A new building \$60.40 feet will be erected near the water works by the new company, and will be well equipped for the purpose. Soft drinks of all kinds will be manufactured, including the bottling of coca cola. Messrs, Ford and Moseley are experienced in the business and have are experienced in the business and have recently established a plant at Charleston, W. Va., for the sole purpose of bottling coca cola. Mr. Moseley has for many years been traveling salesman for Harrelson & Company, wholesale grecors, of Richmond, and has tendered his resignation, so as to fill his position as secretary of the newly organized company.

Fireman Roy Sheets, of the James River Division, who was badly scalded.

Fireman key Silects of the River Division, who was badly scaled by the bursting of a steam pipe on his engine several weeks ago, and who has been at the Chesapeake and Ohlo Hospital for treatment, is now rapidly improving, and will shortly resume his du-

ties.
F. A. Westerman, who recently started the crection of a handsome residence near Dry Creek, has decided to tear it down and erect it on McCornick Street, near the residence of E. A. Snead.

SAN JOSE SCALE

It Has Caused Some Uneasiness to /.lbermarle Fruit Growers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
AFTON, VA., February 26.—There has been some uneasiness among the fruit growers in this vicinity on account of the appearance of the San Jose scale in one or two orchards. The trees are apparently healthy, and so have not been cut down, as they should have been. The near-by orchards are in great danger of infection, it being claimed that birds carry the disease from tree to tree.

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A train yesterday ran over and cut open several of the mail bags which had been thrown from the train. The ground was covered with garden seed which had been sent to the farmers and gardeners by Hon. II. D. Flood. Mr. Flood will have to send another "donation" of the government's seed, as many will fall to receive their the packages. Many gardeners planted these seeds last year with splendid results, the beans, turnips and sweet corn being especially fine.

fine.
Young Hunter Williams, son of Mr. Ed. Williams, of Avon, while out hunting last Saturday, received accidentally a whole load of shot in his eyes from the gun of one of his companions. His father took him to Charlottesville on Monday, where he had one eye removed, returning on the next train to Afton, showing his remarkable nerve and power to endure pain. His physician thinks his other eye is uninjured.

Roanoke's City Council.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., February 26—At a meeting of the City Council to-night the appointment of firemen by the commission was approved. A message was received from the Mayor opposing the consolidation of the offices of clerk of the Council and Auditor, which was tabled. A bill is now before the Legislature for an amendment to the charter permitting the consolidation, which is approved by the Council and citizens generally.

IN WILLIAMSBURG

and Fire Protection.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Feb. 26.—The committees from the City Council and the Business Men's Association held a joint meeting last night, at which it was decided to ask the Legislature for authority to issue \$30,000 in bonds for water-works for fire purposes and domestic uses. Two engineers-Mr. Howell, of Washingfor hre physics. Two engineers—Mr. Howell, of Washington, D. C., and Gorb, of Baltimore—were present and advised the committees that \$00,000 would be ample means. One of these engineers will be here next Thursday to make a preliminary survey of the

day to make a preliminary survey of the town.

Williamsburg will have another bank in less than thirty days. A meeting was hold, at which Mr. L. L. Dirickson, of Berlin, Md., was present and all arrangements were made to receive subscriptions. Nearly \$5,000 was subscribed at the meeting to-day, and Mr. Dirickson will subscribe \$20,000. For the present will subscribe \$20,000. For the present will subscribe \$20,000. For the present the bank will do business in the Peachy block, on Duke of Gloucester Street. They propose to lease land from the city and build a handsome fire-proof structure just west of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoge, of Lexington, addressed in large congregation in the Baptist Church last night on temperance. Mrs. Hoge is State President of the Woman's Christina Temperance Union and is organizing a chapter here.

here.

Jumes Bartlett (colored) confessed to stealing \$20 from Mr. W. B. Burns and was sent to sell for four months.

Andrew Bethune has sold his farm in York county 10 Alexander Fritz, of Florida, for \$1,000 cash.



Delegates Gathered at Newport News Yesterday.

THE OPENING SESSION

t Was Hold in the First Presbyterian Church Last Night-The Feature of the Occasion Was the Address of the Rev. Dr. Stone.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 26.-The delegates to the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association began to arrive here early this morning, and at the close of the day about one hundred and arty of the two ance. Many of the delegates are accom panied by their wives, and most of them spent this afternoon in going over the city and visiting the points of interest, There are delegates from every part of

there are prominent visitors from New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia. Socretary Kent and a large party of local members were kept busy to-day re-ceiving the visitors and escorting them to their iomes. Homes have been secured for all the delegates expected, although some trouble was experienced at first.

The sessions of the convention will last until Saturday night and will close Sunday afternoon with a great mass meeting for men at the Academy of Music, when Fred B. Smith, of New York, will deliver his famous address, "The Supper of Death."

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The session opened with song service, after which the chairman of the State Executive Committee made his report. Then followed the report of the treasurer of the State Executive Committee. Both of these reports contained interesting statistics and information. The feature of chonight's session was an address on "Josus Christ First," delivered by Rev. John Timothy Stone, paster of Brown Memorial Church, Baltimore.

The convention will hold morning, afternoon and night sessions to-morrow and Saturday. Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock the decegates will visit the ship-yard in a body.

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Mystery surrounds the disappearance of James Longstreet, first math of the schooner Eagle Wing, and Captain Morgan believes the missing man has been murdered. The Eagle Wing is here for repairs, having been hadly damaged in a collision off Absecom Light, N. J., with the schooner R. and I. Hargraves, the latter vessel being sent to the bottom. When the steward went to Mate Longstreet's room to summon him, to breakfast yesterday morning the mate was nowhere to be found.

He was a man settled in his habits, and his non-appearance upon the shiphas caused Captain Morgan to fear foul play. The theory that he fell overboard when returning to the vessel at night is not given credence, as he was a man of temperate habits and unlikely to become intoxicated.

Longstreet is a married man and has one son living in New Jersey.

The barge West Point, which is loaded with coal for Providence, was towed to the shipyard this morning for repairs. The barge caught fire aft yesterday and was badly damaged. She will be in shape for her voyage in several days.

In the Corporation Court to-day the jury found for the defondant in the case of Fred G. Klpper against the Postal Telegraph Cable Company. The suit was brought for statutory damages for delay in the delivery of a message.

Henry Coleman, an old negro, sixty years of age, was brought over from surry county this morning and tried before United States Commissioner Garrett on the charge of swearing falsely in order to obtain a pension. The prisoner was sont on to the Federal grand jury and was taken to Norfolk to jail.

Sickness in Lunenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LUNENBURG C. H., VA., February 2.

There is much sickness in this village.

Judge George C. Orgain has been confined
with a severe attack of the grippe for
several weeks and Mrs. Orgain and other
members of the Judge's family have been
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Are, John L. Yates, who had a successful operation performed on her recently in Richmond, is now at her home here are the property of the Blackstone and Chase City Railroad will begin first of March. This Road will run in two miles of Lunenburg Courthouse, and will fill a long-felt want, giving us rail facilities we greatly need and opening up a fine timber section. Lawyer W. E. Neblett, of this place, is confined to his bed with a bad case of grippe. Dr. B. II. Hite is attending him

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FRONT ROYAL, VA., February 26.—
Maxwell F. Spengler, of Strasburg, has
instituted suit against the Southern Railway Company for \$25,000 damages, in
consequence of injuries sustained by him
at Rectortown on April 16, 1902, due to
a head-on collision of freight trains at
that place, in which his leg was fractured, and later complications necessitated its amputation. For months he lay
between life and death, and not until
this date has his health permitted his
proposed action. Messrs. O'Flaherty and
Fulton, of Front Royal, and Marsnall McCormick, of Berryville, Va., will
represent him.

Fire in Yorktown.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORKTOWN, VA., February 26,—Another fire occurred a short distance above town the past evening, which, though small, was quite disastrous in its results. The place burned was the home of a negro family, which has been infosted with smallpox during the whole fall. There have been four or five cases and one death, that of the woman of the house, who succumbed to the disease after nursing all of the other patients during their stracks. cttacks.

Vin less than half an hour from the time the fire was first discovered the place was hurned down.

Westover Weavings.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WESTOVER, VA., Feb. 23.—Miss Florido Green of Cleveland, Obio is a guest of Mrs. William M. Rainsay, at Westover," Unsuccessful efforts were made yester-

day to recover the bodies of the two men drowned in Berkeley Sweep the day perore.